

In the Specification

Please substitute the following Cross-Reference to Related Applications paragraph for the paragraph which was submitted in a Preliminary Amendment dated October 26, 2000, beginning on page 1, after the title of the invention:

~~This patent application is a National Phase concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371, claiming the benefit of priority of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/083,418 filed April 29, 1998; which is incorporated herein by reference. This application is the U.S. national stage application of International patent application No. PCT/US99/09366, filed April 29, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 08/919,421, filed August 27, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,916,751. International patent application No. PCT/US99/09366 claims the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/083,418, filed April 29, 1998, and U.S. application Serial No. 08/919,421 claims the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/025,800, filed August 27, 1996.~~

Please delete the following paragraph on page 1, second paragraph, lines 3-9:

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~~This application is a conversion of a United States Provisional Application filed April 29, 1998, Serial No. 60/083,418. Continuation in Part of application Serial No. 08/919,421, filed 8/27/97 which claims benefit of US Provisional Application No. 60/025,800 filed August 27, 1996.~~